

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus having a power save mode and a normal mode, the image forming apparatus comprising:

~~—— a receiver configured to receive data from an external device being located outside of the image forming apparatus;~~

an image forming portion ~~configured to output that~~ outputs an image corresponding to data the received data; from an external device being located outside of the image forming apparatus;

a controller ~~configured to be in the off state in the power save mode and to control that controls~~ the image forming portion to output the received data after a period of transition from the power save mode to the normal ~~mode; and~~ mode, the controller including a processor, the processor being in an off-state in the power save mode and being in an on-state in the normal mode to control the image forming portion; and

a communication interface that receives the data from the external device and that controls ~~includes the receiver, and configured to control~~ a speed for receiving the data during the period of transition,

wherein the ~~receiver~~ communication interface receives the data during the period of transition.

17. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein:

the controller is ~~further configured to, further,~~ before going into an off-state, ~~set~~ sets information in the communication interface for controlling the speed for receiving the data; and

the communication interface is ~~further configured to control~~ further controls the speed for receiving the data based on the information set by the controller.

18. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the communication interface is ~~further configured to control~~ further controls the speed for receiving the data based on a predictive time length of the period set in the communication interface.

19. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising a storing portion ~~configured to store that stores~~ the received data, wherein the communication interface is ~~further configured to control~~ further controls the speed for receiving the data based on a residual capacity of the storing portion.

20. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the communication interface is ~~further configured to control~~ further controls the speed for receiving the data based on information indicating a maximum data payload to be received from the external device, the information being set in the communication interface.

21. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the communication interface is ~~further configured to control~~ further controls the speed for receiving the data based on information indicating a reply rate of ACK response and NAK response to the external device, the information being set in the communication interface.

22. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein:

the image forming apparatus is coupled to the external device via a serial bus; and

the communication interface ~~is further configured to decide~~ further decides whether or not the data including a packet is directed to the image forming apparatus, by referring an address area in the packet, and ~~to respond~~ responds to the data being addressed to the image forming apparatus when the information is transmitted from the external device via serial communication.

23. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein:

the image forming apparatus is coupled to the external device via a serial bus; and  
the communication interface ~~is further configured to decide~~ further decides a mode shift by detecting change of an input control signal of a parallel interface, the mode shift including a shift from or to the normal mode.

24. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein:

the image forming apparatus is coupled to the external device via a serial bus; and  
the communication interface ~~is further configured to decide~~ further decides the speed for receiving the data based on a setting of a data payload in a packet in receiving serial data from the external device.

25. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein:

the image forming apparatus is coupled to the external device via a serial bus; and  
the communication interface ~~is further configured to decide~~ further decides the speed for receiving the data based on a rate of (1) notices informing that reception is normally completed, and (2) notices informing that reception is not normally completed, in replying a ~~receiving response~~ to the data received from the external device.